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REPORT

TOPIC Brandenburg Arado Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE PREPARED

11 May 1951

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. From 10 to 14 April 1951, 116 single-engine ground attack aircraft were observed parked at the eastern edge of the Brandenburg-Arado airfield. There is a possibility that not all of the planes stationed at the field were seen.

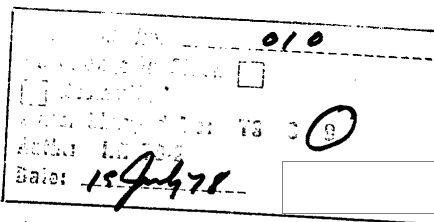
The upper edges of the rudder assemblies of the planes were marked with a red stripe. The planes were not parked in any recognizable pattern. The propeller hubs of the aircraft were red and they had white-bordered Soviet stars.

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2. There was no flying at the field on 12 April between 6 to 9 a.m. There was no flying on 13 April.
3. Stacks of ammunition boxes were seen in four wooden buildings at the southeastern edge of the field. The guarded buildings were surrounded by a barbed-wire fence. Empty bomb crates were seen near another wooden building at the southern edge of the field. Repair work was being done on the workshops of the former Arado Aircraft Plant. *

* Comment. Only one ground attack regiment equipped with 50 IL-10s aircraft is believed to be stationed at the Brandenburg-Arado airfield. The planes of this regiment are marked with red upper edges on their rudder assemblies. The other planes seen at the field were probably temporarily stationed at the field in connection with air maneuvers. There are no indications of a transfer of another ground attack regiment to Brandenburg-Arado.

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